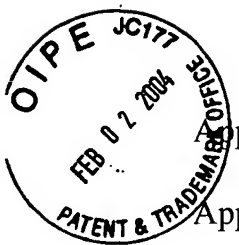


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,  
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-346553, published December 27, 1993, which is  
discussed on page 5 of the current specification, along with an English language translation  
thereof; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-230051, published August 29, 1995, which is  
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member U.S. Patent No. 5,646,767 to IIMA et al. issued July 8, 1997.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications:

U.S. Application No. 10/623,692 to S. TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM", filed on July 22, 2003; and

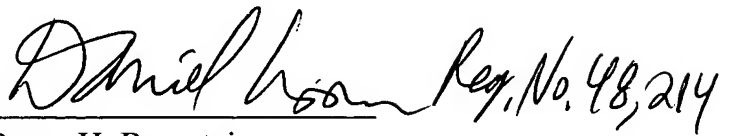
U.S. Application No. 10/643,900 to T. IIZUKA, entitled "MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM", filed on August 20, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. The Examiner is also requested to obtain and review the file wrappers of the above-mentioned copending applications and the references of record (if any) cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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